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Broad Coalition Opposes UniSource Electric Proposal Ahead Of Arizona Corporation Commission Vote

PHOENIX, Aug. 4, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Ahead of an expected August 9th vote by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), over 2,100 individuals have written letters to the ACC urging the Commissioners to reject the UniSource Energy (UNS) electric rate proposal.

Dozens of local and national groups, including the Arizona Association of REALTORS, AARP, CHISPA AZ, Physicians for Social Responsibility Arizona, and the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project have also submitted letters to the ACC in opposition of the proposal.

On July 20, an Administrative Law Judge issued a recommended order urging the ACC to refuse to impose punitive demand charges on customers and to further analyze the value of solar before proceeding with changes to net metering.

In March and April, over 1,500 concerned UNS customers attended public hearings in front of the Arizona Corporation Commissioners to speak out against the proposed changes. The overwhelming attendance forced the Commission to reschedule the hearing in order to accommodate all of the UNS customers.

When SRP imposed mandatory demand charges, new fees, and reduced net metering credits on new solar customers, applications for solar dropped approximately 95%, halting new solar adoption in the territory. Nevada's solar industry shut down when the state public utilities commission eliminated net metering. UniSource Energy is seeking both mandatory demand charges and the elimination of net metering for solar customers.

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